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Applicant(s): AIKAWA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/982,174  
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For: DIGITAL SIGNAL RECORDING METHOD, DIGITAL SIGNAL  
REPRODUCING METHOD, DIGITAL SIGNAL RECORDING  
AND REPRODUCING METHOD, AND DIGITAL SIGNAL  
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
Group: 2621  
Examiner: G. Topgyal  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 6, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments